

Springdale Parks and Recreation

2018 Spring Baseball Rules: Babe Ruth Major Division



These rules apply to the play within Babe Ruth Majors divisions. For any rules not specifically addressed in Division-specific rule sheets, refer to the Babe Ruth Baseball Official Rulebook.

- I. All batters will wear a batting helmet.
- II. The catcher will wear a facemask, helmet, mitt, chest protector, shin guards, and a protective cup. The catcher must use a catcher's mitt.
 - a. Exception: Tball catchers will wear the catcher's helmet and protective cup but are not required to wear the additional equipment. Their placement behind the plate will be determined by the home plate coach (umpire) that is deemed the safest area for the catcher.
- III. The bat may not exceed 34" in length and the barrel cannot exceed 2 5/8" in diameter. Only composite barrel bats marked and certified with BBCOR of .50 are allowed. Wood bats conforming to specs of Official Baseball rule 1.10 are allowed.
- IV. Arrive on the field no later than 20 minutes to game start time.
 - a. Teams playing on the Cal Ripken field – One lane per team
 - b. Visitors have batting cage time 1hr prior to start
 - c. Home team has batting cage time 40 minutes prior to start
- V. 3 copies of the batting order are needed 10 minutes prior to game time.
 - a. Scorekeeper
 - b. Umpire
 - c. Opposing team coach
- VI. Teams must clean their dugouts after their game prior to the next team arriving
 - a. Tobacco in any form is not allowed at the ballpark.

- b. The use of profanity is prohibited at the ballpark. Profanity used by coaches, parents, or players will be grounds for removal from the park and possible removal from future participation in the league.

Pitch Count:

Use the following pitch count chart. The calendar week is Monday through, and including Sunday.

Division	Max Pitches In Game	Rest Period		
		0 Days	1 Day	2 Days
13-15	95	1-45	46-75	76+
16-18	105	1-45	46-75	76+

Pitchers may throw a maximum of **95** pitches per game. If a pitcher reaches his pitch count in the middle of an at-bat, he may continue pitching until the at-bat is finished. Finishing an at-bat does not apply to the rest period/pitch counts. For example, if a pitcher reaches 41 pitches in the middle of an at-bat, he must rest 1 day.

Run/Mercy Rule:

- I. Mercy rule is 15 runs after 4 innings, 10 runs after 5 innings
- II. There is **NO** per inning run rule

League Rules:

- VII. A protective cup must be worn by all players in Babe Ruth Majors.
- VIII. There is a two hour time limit (no new inning starts after time limit or with less than 3 minutes on the clock) or 7 innings, whichever comes first. There is no tie-breaker during league play.
 - a. In tournaments there are no ties.
- IX. One coach is allowed to be outside the dugout on defense.
 - b. Must stay within the boundaries of their dugout.
- X. No chrome or mirror-like batting helmets.

- XI. Teams may bat 10 players using the EP rule. If your team uses this they must start with 10 and end with 10. Otherwise it is a forfeit.
- XII. Free Substitution is in effect.
- XIII. All players will get 3 defensive innings per game